

EPA Region 4 Wetland Program Priorities

EPA Region 4 has set additional priorities for FY 2004 and this Supplemental Solicitation, which include, but are not limited to: the development of watershed needs assessments/plans through study, investigation, and/or survey for the purpose of obtaining data on watershed conditions, and identifying restoration and protection needs. These efforts should include methods for monitoring success.

These efforts may include workshops, training, education and outreach, staff support, monitoring, and/or applied technical studies. Priority will also be given to on-the-ground implementation of studies or demonstration projects that are components of detailed watershed/sub-watershed plans. These components should focus on wetland and watershed resources critical to water quality improvements.

Priority projects are those that demonstrate:

- significance regarding extent of wetlands, streams, rivers, estuaries and other waters and extent of development threats; protection for high quality waters; need for restoration; potential for restoration success and effectiveness,
- significant involvement with citizens' groups,
- long-term commitment to/support for project goals and objectives,
- clearly articulated project goals and objectives with specific methods/mechanism for measuring environmental results,
- integration with other programs in the region, state or local area,
- attention to multiple natural resource management priorities, and/or consistency with other long-term watershed management efforts, where appropriate.